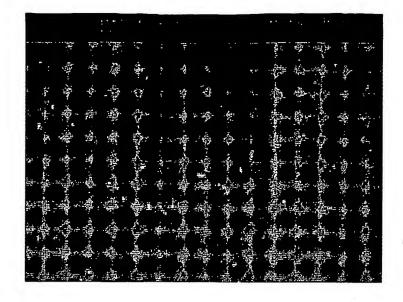
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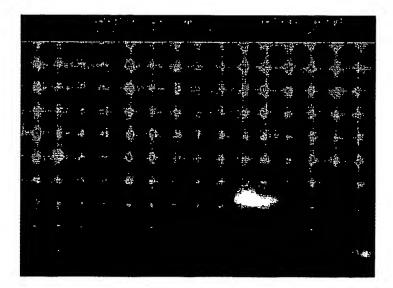
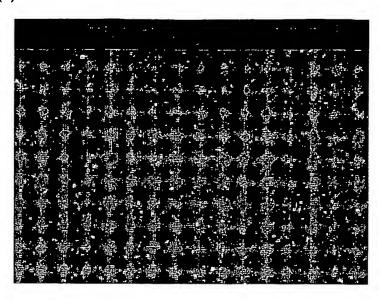


Figure 1: SEM micrograph of the surface of polyurethane containing 6.1wt% alumina prepared via the solvent method.

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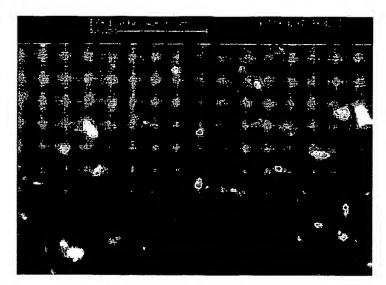


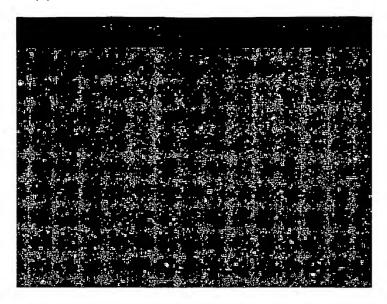
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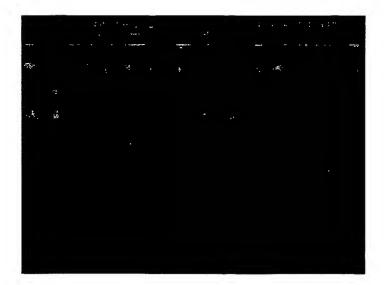


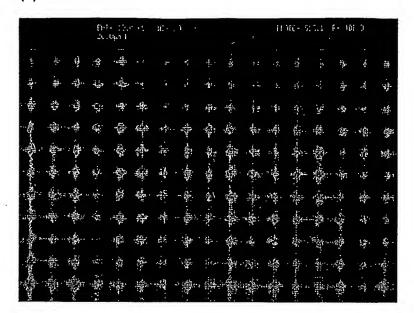
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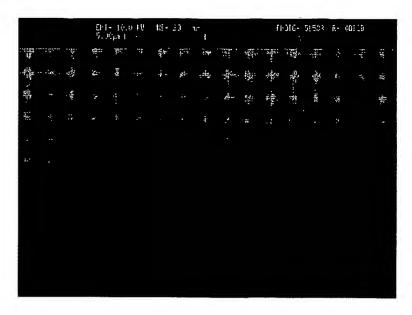


Figure 4: SEM micrograph of the surface of polyurethane containing 1.3wt% alumina prepared via the non-solvent method.

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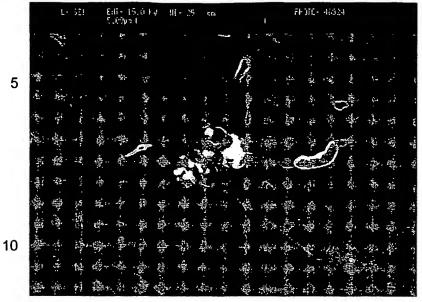


Figure 5: Secondary emission scanning electron micrograph of poorly dispersed alumina particles. In centre is an agglomerate $3\mu m$ in size composed of agglomerated $0.72~\mu m$ particles.

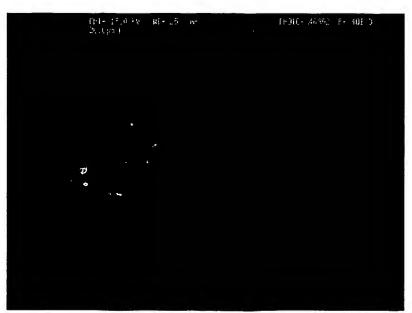


Figure 6: Secondary emission scanning electron micrograph of poorly dispersed alumina particles. In centre is an agglomerate 20μm in size composed of agglomerated 0.72 μm particles.

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